Service Date: June 17, 2016

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF NorthWestern)	REGULATORY DIVISION
Energy's Application for Approval of)	
Avoided Cost Tariff Schedule QF-1)	DOCKET NO. D2016.5.39

NOTICE OF STAFF ACTION GRANTING INTERVENTION

On May 3, 2016, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy ("NWE") filed an *Application for Approval of Avoided Cost Tariff Schedule QF-1* ("Application") with the Montana Public Service Commission ("PSC"). NWE is represented by the following attorneys in this matter:

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On May 31, 2016, New Colony Wind, LLC filed a petition for intervention, which is hereby granted. New Colony Wind, LLC is represented by the following attorneys in this matter:

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On June 6, 2016, the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) filed a petition for intervention, which is hereby granted. The MCC is represented by the following attorney in this matter:

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On June 6, 2016, Vote Solar and the Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC) filed a petition for intervention, which is hereby granted. Vote Solar and the MEIC are represented by the following attorney in this matter:

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On June 8, 2016, FLS Energy, Inc. (FLS) filed a petition for intervention, which is hereby granted. FLS is represented by the following attorney in this matter:

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On June 10, 2016, Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC (Cypress Creek) filed a petition for intervention, which is hereby granted. Cypress Creek is represented by the following attorney in this matter:

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